

Romans 2
Sunday May 26th

Romans 2:1 (NLT, pg. 936) You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things.

Integrity = when what we claim to worship matches the _____ of our heart.

Matthew 23:2-3, 28 (NLT, pg. 821) “The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees are the official interpreters of the law of Moses. So practice and obey whatever they tell you, but don’t follow their example. For they don’t practice what they teach...Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness.”

Romans 2:1-4 (NLT, pg. 936)

We are all sinners, but God _____ us anyway.

Romans 2:4 (NLT) Don’t you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can’t you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

Romans 2:5-11 (NLT, pg. 936)

Everyone will be _____ by God.

Romans 2:11 (NLT) For God does not show favoritism.

Romans 2:12-16 (NLT, pg. 936)

God’s law is written on _____, not just in scripture.

Romans 2:16 (NLT) And this is the message I proclaim—that the day is coming when God, through Christ Jesus, will judge everyone’s secret life.

Romans 2:17-29 (NLT, pg. 936)

Your heart condition is much more important than your _____.

Romans 2:29 (NLT) No, a true Jew is one whose heart is right with God. And true circumcision is not merely obeying the letter of the law; rather, it is a change of heart produced by the Spirit. And a person with a changed heart seeks praise from God, not from people.

Living a life of integrity is the best way to _____ to Jesus.

1 Peter 3:15-16a (NLT, pg. 1025) Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way.

Final Thought: The world is watching everyone who claims to follow Jesus and notices right away if they have integrity. What is the _____ of your heart?

Romans 2 Discussion Questions

What does the word “Integrity” mean to you? Do you think it is as important as Paul presents it is in Romans 2? Why or why not? Read Psalm 119:1-16. How does this passage confirm or change your definition of integrity? How prevalent is integrity in our world today?

Read Matthew 23:1-39. According to this passage, how does Jesus define integrity? What stands out the most to you in this chapter? Compare and contrast Matthew 23 with Romans 2. What similarities do you see? What differences do you see?

Read Romans 2:4. How wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient has God been with you? Explain. It seems like being kind, tolerant, and patient would encourage us to stay in our sin. How does it help us turn from our sin? How does this concept apply to our day to day life as a follower of Jesus? How does it apply to how we interact with other people and/or treat their sin? Explain.

“Your background doesn’t determine your future. The condition of your heart is what determines your future.” Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not. Read Romans 2:29. Explain the concept presented in this verse in your own words. How will this concept help determine your future? How might looking back at your life and how much you have changed aid you in making more progress in your faith journey? How much has your heart changed since you first accepted Christ? Explain.